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Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit

Note by the President of the General Assembly

1. As indicated in paragraph 3 of the note by the Secretary-General of 25 April 2001 (A/56/107), the General Assembly is required, during its current session, to appoint five members of the Joint Inspection Unit to fill the vacancies that will arise from the expiration on 31 December 2002 of the terms of office of Fatih Bouayad-Agha (Algeria), Homero Luis Hernández Sánchez (Dominican Republic), Eduard Kudriavtsev (Russian Federation), Francesco Mezzalama (Italy) and Khalil Issa Othman (Jordan).

2. In accordance with the procedures described in article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, the President of the General Assembly, having consulted the regional groups, and on the basis of the candidates submitted by the African, Asian, Eastern European, Latin American and Caribbean and Western European and other States (see annexes I to V), as well as through a consultation by secret ballot with the General Assembly, requested China, Cuba, the Russian Federation, the United Republic of Tanzania and the United States of America to propose candidates.

3. The President of the General Assembly has held the consultations described in article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, including consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council and with the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination. The replies received from the President of the Council and from the Secretary-General to identical letters addressed to them on 31 January 2002 by the President of the Assembly are attached (see annexes VI and VII).

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4. Having completed the required consultations, the President of the General Assembly has the honour to submit to the Assembly the following list of candidates for appointment as members of the Joint Inspection Unit for a five-year term beginning on 1 January 2003 and expiring on 31 December 2007:

Mr. Even Francisco Fontaine Ortiz (Cuba)

Mr. Tang Guangting (China)

Mr. Victor Vislykh (Russian Federation)

Ms. Deborah Wynes (United States of America)

Mr. Muhammad Yussuf (United Republic of Tanzania).

Annex I

Note verbale dated 9 January 2002 from the Permanent Mission of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations

The Permanent Mission of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations presents its compliments to the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the decision of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania to present its candidature for election to the Joint Inspection Unit at elections held on 10 December 2001 at the 81st plenary meeting and its subsequent election to the Unit. The candidate of the United Republic of Tanzania is Mr. Muhammad Yussuf.

Annex II

Letter dated 10 January 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of China to the United Nations

As one of the countries selected in the 81st plenary meeting of the General Assembly on 10 December 2001, the Government of China wishes to reconfirm its nomination of Mr. Tang Guangting to the Joint Inspection Unit for the term beginning January 2003.

(*Signed*) Shen Guofang
Charge d'affaires a.i.
Deputy Permanent Representative

Annex III

Letter dated 8 January 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations

At its 81st meeting, on 10 December 2001, the General Assembly included the Russian Federation in the list of five countries that would be requested to propose candidates for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit for the term beginning on 1 January 2003.

In accordance with article 3, paragraph 1, of the Statute of the Joint Inspection Unit I have the honour to acknowledge that the Government of the Russian Federation has presented the candidature of Mr. Victor A. Vislykh for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit.

(*Signed*) Sergey Lavrov
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex IV

Note verbale dated 24 January 2002 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations

The Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the fifty-sixth session of the United Nations General Assembly, and has the honour to make reference to the 81st meeting of the General Assembly, on 10 December 2001, by which Cuba was appointed to the Joint Inspection Unit for a five-year term starting 1 January 2003.

The Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations has the honour to inform that the Government of the Republic of Cuba has decided to present the candidature of Mr. Even Francisco Fontaine Ortiz, in accordance with articles 2 and 3, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, for appointment to fill the vacancy in the latter resulting from the end of term of the current incumbent.

Annex V

Note verbale dated 10 January 2002 from the United States Mission to the United Nations

The Representative for United Nations Management and Reform of the United States of America presents his compliments to the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations and has the honour to submit for transmission to the General Assembly the nomination of Ms. Deborah Wynes for election to the Joint Inspection Unit in the term to start in January 2003.

Annex VI

Letter dated 8 March 2002 from the President of the Economic and Social Council to the President of the General Assembly

As per your letter regarding the proposed candidatures for the Joint Inspection Unit, I have carefully reviewed the qualifications of the proposed five candidates, namely, China, Cuba, the Russian Federation, the United Republic of Tanzania and the United States of America, and I am pleased to inform you that I agree with the endorsement of the five proposed candidates.

(*Signed*) Ivan Šimonovic
President of the Economic and Social Council

Annex VII

Letter dated 24 April 2002 from the Secretary-General in his capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 31 January 2002 regarding the proposed appointment of five new members of the Joint Inspection Unit.

In accordance with article 3, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, I have the pleasure to inform you that I concur, in my capacity as Chairman of the Chief Executives Board for Coordination, with the appointments of Mr. Even Fontaine Ortiz, Mr. Tang Guangting, Mr. Victor Vislykh, Ms. Deborah Wynes and Mr. Muhammad Yussuf beginning on 1 January 2003 and ending on 31 December 2007.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. Annan